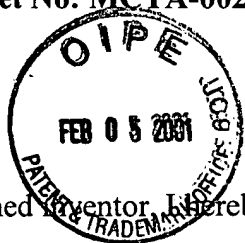


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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated next to my name;

I believe I am an original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**ON-LINE GROUP-BUYING SALE WITH INCREASED VALUE SYSTEM,  
PROCESS AND ARTICLE OF MANUFACTURE**

the specification and claims of which:

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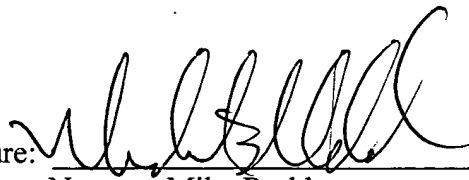
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